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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed Feb 22, 2005, the term for response to which expires on May 22, 2005 (Sunday), which is automatically extended to May 23, 2005.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are described on page 14 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 15 of this paper. Claims 1-4 and 9-14 are amended; claim 5 is maintained; claims 6-8 and 15-22 are canceled; and claim 23 is added.

Remarks begin on page 24 of this paper.

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